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Rocky Mountain National Park Lifts Fire Restrictions

Rocky Mountain National Park officials announced that effective today, October 3, 2002, at 5:00 p.m., campfires will once again be **permitted in designated areas only**. Open fires will now be allowed in designated picnic area grates and established metal fire rings in certain backcountry campsites. In September, fire bans were lifted to only allow fires in grates in designated campgrounds in the park.

"With the decrease in fire danger due to recent rain and snow events, in combination with forecasted weather conditions, we feel it is appropriate to lift the current fire restrictions in Rocky Mountain National Park. We appreciate the commitment of park visitors to use designated areas for fires" stated Superintendent Vaughn Baker.

For further information on fire conditions in the park, please contact the information office at 970-586-1206. For information on statewide fire restrictions, please check the following web site: www.dola.state.co.us/oem/PublicInformation/firebans/firebans.htm.

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